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2. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$180.00;
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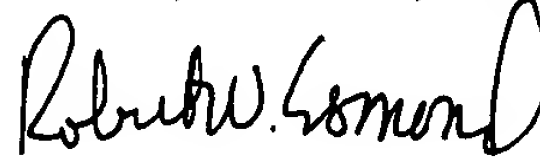
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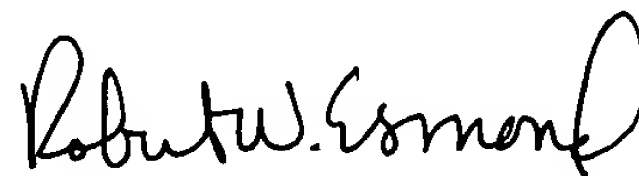
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